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## **Lane closures for I-55 bridge inspections**

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that lane closures will occur along Interstate 55 for bridge inspections occurring, weather permitting, the weekend of Saturday, May 30. The inspection is specifically for the bridges carrying I-55 over the Sanitary and Ship Canal, located about a mile southwest of Illinois Route 43 (Harlem Avenue).

In order to complete the work, on Saturday, May 30th from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., it will be necessary to close the right lane of northbound I-55 from Illinois Route 171 (First Ave.) to Illinois Route 43 (Harlem Ave.), as well as the ramp carrying traffic from northbound Illinois Route 171 to northbound I-55. Although an official detour will not be posted, motorists using the northbound IL 171 ramp to access I-55 are recommended to continue north on IL 171, exit at 47<sup>th</sup> Street and proceed east to IL 43 and south to I-55.

In addition, Sunday, May 31, the right lane of southbound (outbound) I-55 between IL 43 and IL 171 will be closed from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.

All lanes will be reopened by 10 a.m. on Sunday

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Find details on other construction projects in IDOT's District 1 at <http://goo.gl/upgvZu>. Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at [www.travelmidwest.com](http://www.travelmidwest.com).

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